

Public Information Strategy
For
Harry and St. Paul Site – Wichita, Kansas

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of the public relations strategy for the Harry and St. Paul Site in Wichita, Kansas is to establish guidelines for planning, scheduling and implementing a Public Information Program (PIP). The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in cooperation with Cessna Aircraft Company (Cessna) will be responsible for implementation of the PIP.

2.0 Background

The Harry and St. Paul Site is located at 3005 West Harry Street in Wichita, Kansas. The warehouse at 3005 W. Harry Street was constructed in 1953. Cessna occupied the warehouse between 1956 and 1989 and stored products used to manufacture aircraft at that location. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), predominantly trichloroethene (TCE), have been detected in soil and groundwater samples collected at the Site in a series of investigations beginning in 1999. In 2010, KDHE and Cessna Aircraft Company entered into a consent order to conduct a Comprehensive Investigation at the Site.

3.0 Public Information Program Activities

KDHE will be responsible for providing a notice of availability of the Draft Corrective Action Decision (CAD) document and other supporting documentation that serves as the basis for the recommended corrective action. The notice, which announces the public comment period, will be published in the *Wichita Eagle*. The period allowed for oral and/or written public comment will be thirty days. During the public comment period, KDHE may conduct an availability session to discuss the Draft CAD.

KDHE will prepare written responses to comments received during the public comment period as part of the Final CAD. The Final CAD, as well as other supporting documentation, is available for public inspection pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act. A notice of the availability of the Final CAD may be published in the *Wichita Eagle* and/or the *Kansas Register*.

A news release to announce the successful remediation of the Harry and St. Paul Site may be published in the *Wichita Eagle* upon KDHE approval of the Reclassification Plan.

4.0 Public Information Program Schedule

The following is a tentative PIP schedule for the Harry and St. Paul Site. Specifically, upon completion of the Draft CAD, KDHE will publish a public notice of availability for this draft decision document and solicit oral and/or written comments during the 30-day

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public comment period. If an availability session is to be held during the public comment period, KDHE will make announcement of such in this same public notice. Through this process, the general public and other interested parties are given the requisite opportunity to provide input on the proposed corrective action strategy for the site before the CAD is finalized. As described in Section 3.0, the need for any additional news release(s) or availability session(s) related to this Site will be determined by KDHE.